



**MINUTES**  
**Newaygo Economic Development Organization Meeting**  
**January 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Armstrong called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Meeting to order at 12:10 pm at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Armstrong, Matthew Boynton, Ed Fedell, Luke Francis, Jason Harris, Morgan Heinzman, Del Hirdes (via phone), Steven Radtke,  
Absent: George Heartwell, Cory Nelson, George Suchy

Others Present: Jon Schneider, Colleen Lynema, John Buckley Jr., Lee Black, Chris Ortwein, Heather Allen, Jay Allen, Georgia Andres, Kim Goodin

Motion by Radtke, second by Fedell to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Boynton to approve the 07/16/2021 NEDO Meeting Minutes. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Fedell, second by Boynton to reappoint Hirdes as NEDO Chair and Armstrong as NEDO Vice-Chair. Roll Call: Yeas: Boynton, Fedell, Francis, Harris, Heinzman, Hirdes, Radtke Abstain: Armstrong Absent: Heartwell, Nelson, Suchy Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Radtke, second by Fedell to approve Resolution N22-01 setting NEDO meeting dates for 2022. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Heinzman to approve NEDO Bylaws. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Boynton, Fedell, Francis, Harris, Heinzman, Hirdes, Radtke Absent: Heartwell, Nelson, Suchy Nay: None. CARRIED

Schneider stated that Electric Vehicle Charging Stations had briefly been discussed at the Council Meeting and may need to be discussed in the future. Fedell updated group on information he had related to Electric Cars and Charging Stations and said that he did not feel that the City should be involved in owning or managing charging stations. Group discussed current charging stations in Newaygo and potential funding that may be available.

Group discussed Skate Park expansion and expansion of area next to Skate Park. Heinzman stated that open to all ideas and explained how current Skate Park, Soccer Fields, Baseball Fields, etc. came to fruition and if any groups are interested in recreational projects in the community that they should start with bringing those ideas to the Newaygo Community Recreation Authority (NCRA).

Heinzman stated that Croton Township is looking at the possibility of relocating their township hall to the Croton Fire Barn by expansion of the building and said they are possibly looking to make some changes at the Croton Transfer Station.

Lynema said that she will be retiring and gave an update on the interview process for her replacement stating that she will remain with the Chamber temporarily to finish a few projects. She said that the Chamber would be hosting a Gus Maker basketball tournament in July outside at Newaygo Middle School. Group discussed parking for this event. Lynema gave an update and shared statistics on Newaygo County Tourism Council. She said that the Chamber is working with local businesses on Social District.

Ortwein said that they resold the Gala Gourmet building and feels the new owners will follow through with a bar/restaurant at this location.

Schneider gave an update on housing projects discussing River Hills Estates Phase 2, River Run Apartments, Brookhaven Estates, and a few new houses throughout the City. Lynema said that Magna's biggest challenge is housing for their employees.

Schneider gave an update on the Disc Golf Course and Pickleball Courts. Group discussed the possibility of future Disc Golf and Pickleball tournaments.

Schneider gave a brief update on recent and current projects in the City.

Group discussed potential future projects in the City. Ortwein gave an update on Muskegon River Holding Property. Schneider stated that he hopes the City is able to look at possible options with the powerhouse building, along the river, in the next couple of years. Group discussed the future of Loomis Lodge.

**BOARD AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jay Allen discussed the economic impact that fishery on the Muskegon River has in the City and surrounding communities. He gave an update on steelhead limits that were recently put in place by the State Natural Resource Commission for the Muskegon River and a few other rivers in the State. Allen said he feels that the City and NEDO should look at fishery as a future project. Group discussed additional organizations that may be helpful with fishery.

Heinzman stated that free fishing weekend is February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and that Croton Dam to Dam would occur during this time.

Motion by Heinzman, second by Boynton to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm. AIF/MC.

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Kim Goodin, Recording Secretary